

## Recipe for a Happy New Year

**T**AKE TWELVE, fine, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of Time.

**CUT THESE** months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

**INTO EACH** day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well-selected resolution.

**POUR INTO** the whole love ad libitum and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

—Author Unknown

From LEAVES OF GOLD



## News and Notes

### DR. TILLMAN SOGGE SUMMONED

Dr. Tillman Sogge, Professor at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., passed away Dec. 16 of a heart attack. He is also well known in our synod because he had at one time been instructor at Dana College, and as chairman of the Joint Union Committee. During the past five years he has done a splendid job in that position. His agenda was always clear, and he guided the negotiations with great wisdom and understanding. When there are so many implications and so many ideas constantly coming into the hopper, it takes much keenness of mind to get any work done. But he kept going with a steady aim, and we reached the goal we set for ourselves.

Dr. Sogge reported at the last Joint Union Committee meeting in November in Chicago that he had some coronary insufficiency, but that after losing some weight the doctor had given him good hope.

He was reelected chairman till the new church starts to function. At the end of the three day meeting he said to us that he was no more tired than when he had taught his classes at St. Olaf.

Dr. Sogge was a fine Christian gentleman. Two years ago we printed a prayer that he used as we began another two years of work. He will be greatly missed in the Joint Union Committee and also in his church, the E.L.C.

### VANDALS DAMAGE CHURCH

In the most vicious and cold blooded vandalism ever reported in this area, Bethany Lutheran Church of near Gilfillan, Minn., was shambles when the crime was discovered Tuesday morning.

Sheriff George Matson, whose office investigated, reports they have never seen any vandalism to equal this scene. He states it appears to be the work of "young punks."

Entry to the church was made through the door which had been left unlocked in anticipation of a congregational work day Tuesday. Mrs. Percy Hansen was the first to arrive on the scene and when confronted by

the scene of destruction immediately notified others.

The "mothers' room," which has just been completed under an improvement program, suffered damage when a large plate glass window was broken. A sharp instrument was also used to deface the wall tile in the room.

The altar was badly mistreated. The altar rail was tipped over as was the minister's chair. By brute force the Bible stand was ripped from the pulpit. The statue at the rear of the altar was not touched except that the cloth covering was removed.

The main part of the church was a scene difficult to describe. Apparently the vandals stood on the altar and threw dishes in all directions breaking them into thousands of pieces all over the floor. One of the light fixtures was also broken during the melee. All but one of the windows on the north side of the church were broken by the intruders. It seemed that nearly all had been broken from the inside, probably by dishes being thrown at them.

The kitchen floor in the basement was another scene of destruction. The floor was covered to a depth of several inches with broken dishes. All together nearly all of the dishes, plates, cups, saucers and glassware belonging to the church were broken. This represents hundreds of items.

The Rev. Wesley Anderson is pastor of the church at Gilfillan, Minn.

Rev. K. R. Jensen was formally installed as superintendent and pastor of the Bethany Old People's Home in Minden, Nebraska on Sunday December 14th. Pastor A. Hofgaard officiated at the installation. Pastor Walter Kierkegaard of Minden and Pastor Ervin Dohmeier of Fredericksburg Lutheran Church took part in the installation. Supper was served at the Home to visitors. The Home at present has 68 guests.

### MERGED CHURCH FORECAST IN EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

A taste of what the merged church in 1961 will be like is evident in the program of the two Mid-Winter Evangelism Conferences being planned for January.

Danish and Norwegian names such as Knutson, Norstad, Wilhelmsen, Hansen and Gjerde are being joined by those of German background such as Sagebiel, Liefeld, Schalkhauser and Muedeking.

The ALC, UELC, and ELC have joined forces for the two conferences to be held in North Hollywood, California on January 21-25 and at Madison, Wisconsin on January 28-February 1. The Lutheran Free Church, although not part of the merger at present is also participating in the conferences.

Evangelism leaders of the four groups are enthusiastic about the conferences which will make possible a sharing of methods and techniques of witnessing and evangelism. Laymen from all of the churches will be there to discuss how they can unite in deepening their faith and winning the unchurched.

Dr. Conrad Thompson of the ELC and Dr. Henry Hoesman of the ALC are directors of their respective church's evangelism activity. The Rev. Donald Hansen of Denver and the Rev. Clarence A. Larson of Minneapolis represent the UELC and LFC on the committee planning the conference.

### NEWS RELEASE ON YOUTH DAY AT EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

A combined attendance of 3,000 youth are expected at the youth week-ends of the Evangelism Conferences in Los Angeles (Jan. 24-25) and Madison (Jan. 31-Feb. 1).

The heart of Saturday's Youth Day observance will be a workshop and presentation to encourage youth in the importance and procedures of witnessing in their day-to-day contacts. Both of the conferences will also include a youth banquet and evening commitment service.

The Rev. Gordon Smedsrud, ELC Associate Youth Director in Evangelism, is in charge of the program for the Youth Week-end in Madison. Featured during the afternoon presentation will be College Pastor Dar Roa and a group of Waldorf students. An introduction to this will be given by the former chairman of the ALC Youth Board, Rev. Gordon Huffman, who is presently the president of the Ohio

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# Editorials and Comments

## THE NEW YEAR BELLS

the Christian has two thoughts when he crosses the threshold to the New Year. First he looks back, and he asks God asking forgiveness for the year that is past. He admits that he could have done so much better than he did. But he also thanks God for his loving kindness for the many opportunities of service. Whatever was accomplished by the grace of God makes him rejoice.

As the UELC looks back it must also give thanks to all for faithful people and pastors. We give thanks for the constant gifts that come to our many activities. For progress in the home missions field and the foreign field. For the progress at Dana College, and for the loyal support of the work as a whole in our church.

Last year was a good year in the UELC. The annual convention showed a united church. The reports from the districts all gave indication of a definite aim and purpose. The church must never forget why it is here. It is the church of Jesus Christ. He is in the church to serve, and before the church must serve.

Only as it serves can it accomplish what God wants it to do. The church does not have any special interests to defend. We sometimes are tempted to assert the rights of the church and its authority. Sometimes this is done for the church's own sake. But the true church has only one aim, that people may conform to Christ and that they may become part of him. This must take place right here in this world. A successful church is not necessarily one that draws many people. It is only successful as people learn to know Christ and follow him, and thus they become conformed to the image of Christ as they live in this world. This is done in every day living, in the vocation of man. As we meet our fellow man we share with him and suffer with him as Christ shared himself with the people of his time.

If the church is the body of Christ it must live his life in the world. The church (its members) should be Christ in the world.

This is a high and holy purpose. It is much different from what we often see among church members and even pastors. We seek our own and not that which belongs to Jesus Christ. Paul says, "Let this mind be in you which also was in Christ Jesus." Not a bad motto to put over all the activities of our lives in 1959.

## THE LAST YEAR OF UELC

1959 is really the last year of UELC. It is the last year when we shall have a real annual convention, and it is the last year the districts will meet to do business of an independent nature. In 1960 the UELC will meet two days so to vote on the proper motions to deliver the whole church into the new T.A.L.C. Even though the UELC will exist all through 1960, it will exist as a church in transition. Everything done will be done with the new church in mind. There is nothing that should be done as UELC it better done in 1959.

The Church Council of the UELC will have many things to do and many details to watch, that the transition be done smoothly. There will be no legal or other complications later. It will not be out of the way for all boards of the synod to take this in mind.

## INSURANCE AGAINST IDIOTS

We got interested in what the Danes call insurance against idiots. When the industry installs expensive and intricate machines, the machines are to be constructed in such a manner, that if some idiot who does not know how to handle the machine, makes a mistake neither the machine nor the idiot gets hurt.

We have some such insurance and safety measures in the signs set up at crossings of the roads. Yet they do not always work. And every so often the news comes that some one got hurt or died.

The church also needs insurance. It has the promise of God, but too often we do as we please and we may wreck ourselves and do damage to the congregation of which we are members.

All too often some self-righteous person or someone who feels he should receive special attention wrecks things. It may take a long time to repair the damage.

When the annual meetings of the congregation are held, it happens that some one gets peeved because he did not get his way or because he was not elected.

The best way to be insured against such calamities is that each one tries to have the mind of Christ, and that each one would rather serve than lead.

If all members are imbued with the Spirit of Christ, they will work and vote, not to please someone who might get peeved but with the whole life of the congregation in mind.

## HOW TO WIN THE UNCHURCHED

The months between New Year and Easter are generally the best months for evangelism. More adult classes are instructed during that period than any other period of the year. But how do we contact the unchurched? Some claim this is the pastor's duty. And certainly it is his duty. But if the church is located in a town of several thousand people, it is impossible for him to find these people, unless he gets the names and addresses and other information. Therefore it is the duty of every member to be a witness to his neighbor.

Jehovah's Witnesses have a wrong doctrine and they claim that the present churches are not Christ's churches. As a matter of fact they hold that Christ will destroy the churches, for only the Witnesses will survive with their kingdom.

In a recent publication of The Watchtower there is one interesting point, which contains a challenge to all Christians.

It is claimed that there are 2,700,000,000 people in the world. It is also claimed that there are 820 million professed Christians.

"Subtract 820 millions from 2.7 billions. It leaves 1,880,000,000. Now divide 820 million obligated Christian witnesses into 1,880,000,000 non-Christians. It gives us a quotient of about 2.3. With all the witnesses available in Christendom, it would require each one to witness to 2.3 non-Christians, to give world witness."

It is of course easy to make a statement like that. It is not as easy to do as it seems. The story of Christ and the Christian church prove that. The Witnesses are simply talking and boasting. But the fact remains that if every true Christian tried to win one soul, it would make a great impact on the world. It would make a great impact on the community in which you live.



## Church News from here and there

### 20 YEAR PLAN— CHICAGO PROTESTANT DEFICIT

In the next 20 years the Chicago metropolitan area will require 900 new Protestant churches at a cost of \$600,000,000, according to an estimate of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

Dr. John A. Gardner, administrative secretary of the federation's New Chicago Spiritual Goals Committee, disclosed the construction needs at the group's second annual meeting here.

Linking the estimate with the federation's projected campaign to win 1,000,000 new members for the area's Protestant church by 1975, he termed the drive "an all-out effort to counteract the city's Protestant deficit."

The membership campaign, announced last July, is scheduled to begin with a city-wide visitation evangelism program with some 7,000 lay men and women calling on 100,000 unchurched people next spring.

Consisting of 100 local business and professional leaders, the goals committee provides funds for research projects of the federation and its church development office. A \$165,000 research program is now under way here to study needs of urban Protestant churches.

The federation comprises 27 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox member denominations.

Included in the construction estimate were replacements for aging churches in inner-city neighborhoods to be redeveloped and establishment of churches in new suburban sections. Building costs would be borne by the denominations organizing the churches.

Dr. Gardner urged Chicago's existing churches to accelerate their program to help newly-arrived Puerto Ricans, Negroes, and Southern whites to adjust to urban life "City churches, he declared, "must take on a new dimension — community service — if they want to survive."

### JAPANESE PASTOR GIVES VIEWS ON U. S. CHURCHES

"Are American pastors too busy to study? Why are there not more young people attending Lutheran services?"

These were two of the questions asked by the Rev. Hidetake Yano of Tokyo, Japan, in an interview in New York, following a six-month study tour of parish and youth work in the United States. Mr. Yano made his trip to America through a scholarship granted by the Lutheran World Federation.

Arriving in the United States in June, Mr. Yano's itinerary included a month in Oakland, Calif., studying

parish life, a two-month stay in the Minneapolis, Minn., area observing youth programs, and three months in Chicago in congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the United Lutheran Church in America, and the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Commenting on his reactions to American church life, Mr. Yano said: "I do not believe that America is a Christian nation, but at least all Americans have Christianity in their background."

He went on to explain the great difference between this heritage and that of Japan's Buddhist and Shintoist traditions, which the Christian Church there must constantly fight against.

Among the things which most impressed him about American Lutheranism, Mr. Yano said, was the business-like attitude of American pastors, with their offices, secretaries, letters, and telephone calls. He felt American pastors tend to become almost too professionalized, he said, and seriously questioned if they have time to study properly.

Among the high points of Mr. Yano's trip was a leadership training school for young people, which he attended in July at St. Peter, Minn. He said he was pleased at getting to know American young people, but had been disappointed following the conference,

when he visited local churches in the area and found that few young people were attending.

"There were lots and lots of older people," he said, "and many in the Sunday schools. But in between there were hardly any at all. I felt that I wanted to ask the older people, Where is your son? Where is your daughter?"

### CHURCH COUNCIL SEEKS TO CURB 'QUICKIE' MARRIAGES

Members of the 1959 state legislature were urged in Nashville, Tenn. by the Tennessee Council of Churches to adopt measures which would create a "cooling off" period of at least three days after a couple receives a marriage license.

The council, at its eighth annual meeting, declared that an "exceedingly large number" of high school youths are plunging into "quickie" marriages that soon end in divorce. Such marriages, it said, "constitute one of the most serious problems with which all education officials are confronted."

### GEORGIA SENATOR ASSAILS CLERGYMEN'S MANIFESTO

U. S. Sen. Richard B. Russell (D. Ga.), criticized as a "surrender to integration efforts" the recent statement made in Atlanta, Ga. by 312 white clergymen in the Atlanta area urging state and community leaders to devise

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## The Wrestler

By S. T. Eward

### LARGER ENVELOPES FOR LARGER GIFTS

In a 4" x 2½" envelope a person who earns \$100 each week is asked to stuff his offering to the Lord each week and bring it to church with him and offer it on the altar. He uses a larger envelope than that for mailing a letter to his mother or to Uncle Sam. Sometimes, to make it harder, the envelope is divided so that he has to stuff what represents his gratitude to God in a space half the size of an envelope 4" x 2½".

Offering a worshipper an envelope this size in which to make his offering does not suggest any challenge in sacrifice; not since gold coins are not in circulation. The person making the offering either must confine his gift to a coin (less than a dollar) or use a paper bill or check. In the event that the Holy Spirit should move him to give more than a dollar to his church each week, he is challenged with folding the gift in such a manner that it can be inserted in the envelope without causing so much bulk that the glue won't hold when fastening the flap. When the person who opens the envelope and counts the contents begins his task, he has added difficulty opening it, unfolding the gift and making the tabulation.

The 4" x 2½" envelope is a hold over from depression days. There are no really good reasons for continuing with it, and there are some solid reasons for switching to a larger envelope—slightly smaller than the size of a dollar bill—or a ten-dollar bill—or even a fifty.

To use the larger envelope suggests that the day of nickels and dimes is over. The inflated dollar has taken care of that. Since the church is not expecting gifts in these small amounts it is the part of good management to use the larger envelope. Using the larger envelope makes it easier for the donor to insert his gift and easier for the financial secretary to open and count the gifts.

If a church expects a responsible gift from its members, the church has responsibility to provide envelope suitable for them, and which suggests the amounts commensurate with their incomes and responsibility. Unintended or unplanned suggestions made by the size of the offering envelope may more than offset anything else that may be said.



# The Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

## KING CARE OF "LAME DUCKS"

Washington has its share of "lame ducks," of defeated politicians who find it hard to return home. The president-elect—should we say "flock"?—following the recent November election, has a large one. Actually, there were about 100 high ranking casualties. A number of these were ready for retirement because of age or for other reasons, but some 30 or 40 others, members of the Congress, were only anxious to carry on. What now for the unfortunates, these defeated ones, the "lame ducks?"

Most of these men will not run the risk of starvation or even of hardship. Defeated at the polls, they still have enough influence, connection and know-how to find reasonably comfortable berths in the city they have come to love so well. These berths may be in Government agencies, the Veterans Administration, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Labor, the Department of Agriculture. Also there are a number of vacancies in judgeships in federal district courts, courts of appeal and the Court of Claims. In some of these jobs there is a permanency feature much greater than in a Congressional one.

Perhaps salaries for these "lame ducks" will be lower than formerly. They will be regrettable, of course. But they will be generous enough—most ranging from \$17,000 to \$22,000 a year—which, with a pension or annuity added, should manage to keep the wolf from the door for a long time to come.

At short, while politics is risky business, Uncle Sam continues to be a generous employer and Washington a pretty nice place in which to live, even for a "lame duck."

## WORKING FOR UNCLE SAM

Our Civilian Government is the best employer of them all. In 1958 the number of workers on Uncle Sam's payroll averaged 2,347,345. The Government paid these workers in wages and salaries was slightly less than \$5 billions. Though there were fewer workers in 1958 than in 1957, the pay was larger, due to some nice increases voted by Congress early in the year.

Civil service, employment in and under the Government, offers many opportunities and advantages. It is something our young people in our schools will do well to investigate as they plan for their future careers.

Working conditions in Washington and in Government offices and agencies throughout the land are, as a rule, excellent. The pay is good. It has the special merit of being sure. There is plenty of chance for advancement, for self-improvement, for travel, for the making of fine contacts. Fringe benefits such as sick leave, vacations, pensions, are superior to those in most business concerns and industries.

In addition to these advantages, the government worker can claim the satisfaction that comes with patriotic service and of serving the common good. Was it not our Luther who spoke of government service as a spiritual vocation, as service rendered to God?

The spiritual side of the case is often overlooked in the scramble for pay and place in government service. But, once it is there, the consecrated worker will not fail to find both high incentive and holy satisfaction in the work he has elected to do.

## THE CASE OF DOCTOR ZHIVAGO

The story behind the Nobel Prize award to Boris Pasternak for his novel "Doctor Zhivago" and Pasternak's subsequent refusal to accept this honorarium is one that has aroused great interest both in Russia and other lands. Published first in Italy, then in other Western countries but not in his native Russia, Pasternak's work has fallen under the Kremlin ban and he, the author, has been forced into the unhappy position of being able to accept the prize awarded only at the risk of the loss of his citizenship and of other rights and privileges, possibly of life itself. Pasternak has settled by renouncing the award and by deciding to try to be a good citizen and remain in Russia.

The publicity aroused by this incident has made "Doctor Zhivago" a best seller in our land and increased its sales elsewhere. Beyond all this world attention is once more dramatically drawn to the Russian *modus operandi*. Quite plainly the Kremlin leadership is afraid of criticism, unwilling to allow the people to think for themselves, determined to control them. How long can a control program as arbitrary as this, continue? Not for too long, we dare say, not even in Russia. After all, Pasternak's book has been written and is now widely distributed and its ideas loosed in the world. Ideas have their own way of crossing even the most tightly sealed frontiers and closely guarded borders. And this, we may confidently expect, will happen here.

Robert Glauber, writing in *The Living Church* (Episcopal), has this fine comment to make:

"Dr. Zhivago is a great book in the most uncompromisingly Christian tradition. If the Soviets did not fear it, we would have nothing to fear from them. If we are willing to learn from it, we will have nothing to fear from ourselves."

To which we would add one further comment. The truth will live and freedom will live and we will live even as we dare to honor and defend them.

## CHURCH NEWS

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a sound public school plan consistent with the Supreme Court's integration ruling.

"In its essence," the state's senior senator said, "the ministers' manifesto was an appeal to the people to accept integration." He added that if the ministers want to help preserve the public schools, they should appeal to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to stop its lawsuits against segregation.

Sen. Russell, speaking at Statesboro, Ga., said, "It would be cowardly to surrender when the people of Virginia and Arkansas, who had been expected to be 'soft' on this matter, are still holding out.

"If we acquiesce in this movement, which, in my opinion, would result in mongrelization, there is no power on earth that can restore the white race to Georgia."

## FORMER FBI AGENT FINDS LIFE AS CLERGYMAN MORE EXCITING

The Rev. Merrill W. Drennan, who at 35 gave up a promising career as an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enter the ministry, has demonstrated that he still knows how to "get his man."

Only now he is gathering members for Millian Memorial Methodist church, in suburban Silver Spring, Md., and making churchgoers of them.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington revealed that the ex-FBI agent has the fastest growing church in the Washington area, and perhaps the nation. Since 1954 its membership has climbed from less than 200 to more than 900.

Mr. Drennan had been an FBI agent for six years when he dropped in to a noonday Lenten service nearly a decade ago at Washington's downtown Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal). He heard a sermon by Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, now professor of religion at George Washington University, so eloquent that it moved him to consider serving the church full-time instead of only as a Sunday school teacher.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, recalling how he almost entered the

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Who knows how near my end may be?

## Temporal and Eternal

By Virgil Anderson

"Who knows how near my end may be! Time speeds away and death comes on; How swiftly! Ah! how suddenly, May death be here and life be gone! My God, for Jesus sake I pray Thy peace may bless my dying day!

So prayed and unknown author.

Life is swift! It is fleeting! Each of us here will realize this when the day of our departure arrives.

Life has often been likened to the flight of an airplane. An airplane is always more inclined to descend than to ascend. So is life! From the cradle to the grave every life is a constant struggle to keep one's head above the slough of disharmony, discord, and defeat. All of us need the persistent encouragement and guidance of friends, relatives and elders, lest in times of stress we become disheartened and descend into defeat.

The flight of an airplane is also relatively short. It is quickly over. It very swiftly arrives at its destination, descends to the earth again, and is put away. So also is life! Even the normal span of life is short. "Three score years and ten" is an often quoted average span of life. The life of our friend, father, and husband was prematurely shortened by death. There are many lives which are even more prematurely shortened than was his. Accidents, sickness, and crime has brought death to many even in youth and infancy. Therefore all of us will have to learn from the lesson of life to NUMBER our days.

But, in spite of the transient nature of life as we knew it, there is also something unchanging and eternal about it. That is GOD. From everlasting to everlasting God has been and always will be the Source and Sustenance of all life.

There is a passage in the 54th chapter of Isaiah which I would like to call to you attention in this connection: "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee."

I. The mountains and hills will depart and be removed.

II. But God's kindness and His covenant will NEVER depart.

This physical world around us will some day come to an end. If we will but open our eyes we can see death

as a part of life in all of nature.

The wheat grows up only to be cut down by man and eaten. The little rabbit grows up only to be the prey of the fox or of the hunter's bullet. The fox in turn falls victim to death in any one of several ways. And so we see that death is an integral part of all life.

This truth has even been promised in Scripture. II Sam. 14:14, "For we must needs die . . ." Job 30:23 (Parts of Job's prayer to God) "For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living." Psalm 49:10, "For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perishes, and they leave their wealth to others." and Eccl. 8:8, "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war: . . ." Scripture expounds even further and tells us plainly that even man himself, who is the acme of all creation, groans and travails within himself because of the transitory nature of his life. (Romans 8) ". . . And not only they (referring to the animals and plants of nature) but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves."

And so the community of mankind can be thought of as a beautiful garden of flowers. Man is beautiful, but his beauty is always fading. Man may appear strong, but he is truly weak, puny, and utterly dependent. Man may think that he is sufficient unto himself, but he often fails to realize his dire need for the constant care and sustenance of God, His master Gardener.

Yes the mountains and hills of all nature will surely depart and be removed. But God's kindness and His covenant will never depart.

The providence of God and His daily sustenance of all life are well known. Even His enemies know and are often forced to openly admit that were it not for God's sustaining hand all life would have perished long ago. And, if it were not for His restraining hand upon all evil (even their own), that man's wiles would have destroyed himself long ago.

His restraining providence is expressed in His words to the wicked Assyrians who were afflicting His people. He said to them ". . . Be-

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cause thy rage against me and the tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, I will turn thee back by the way which thou camest." And so God has continued to do. He put the hook and bridle to Napoleon and turned him back at Waterloo. Both the Kaiser and Hitler felt the restraints of God's hook and bridle in World War I and II.

Puny man may start wars but as David says in Psalm 46, only God ". . . makes the wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire. . . and all man can do is . . . Be still and know that (God) is God."

But best of all and most comforting of all (and only those who are children of God by faith and baptism know this comfort) is the fact that God's COVENANT will never depart nor be removed.

This covenant was made at the very beginning when man first fell into sin.

This covenant was renewed and expanded through the entire Old Testament history. To Abraham God promised that Jesus Christ would be of his generation and that through Him all nations would be blessed.

And so it continued to Isaac, to David, to Isaiah, and on and on until we see the black silhouette of Jesus, the Son of God, hanging upon the cross reconciling a world of sinners unto Himself.

This everlasting covenant stands as a lighthouse surrounded by the most ferocious of waves. It continues to send out its light to those who are lost and perishing. "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," it continues to say to those who are weary of sin and long for the true rest.

God will never cease to invite you to come and unload all your sins upon Him and to receive His gracious forgiveness, life, and peace.

Isaiah 40:30-31 says to all of us "Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

Yes! The hills will depart, mountains will fail, and even the young will fail!

But! God, His kindness and His covenant, will never depart nor fail.



# Our Foreign Mission Fields

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## ALC MISSION FIELD IN NEW GUINEA

By Mrs. Frank Yetmar

To many people the island of New Guinea, second largest in the world, is a dull and unimportant place. However, some leading magazines have recently given the people of New Guinea considerable attention. The November issue of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC carried November 11 TIME carried very interesting articles. Also, Mr. Lowell Thomas, commentator of world fame, was fit to show and tell about the people of New Guinea in his very first series of television programs. But people of the American Lutheran Church have learned to love the people and cherish the opportunity to pray and work for them.

The ALC became affiliated with the missions in New Guinea during World War I and has since worked together with mission organizations from Germany and Australia. Our staff now consists of about 150 members from Canada, Australia, Germany, and the U.S. Among them are ordained pastors, teachers, farmers, doctors, nurses, business men, pilots, seamen, and others necessary for a well-rounded mission program.

### Facilities

Our New Guinea mission field has about 30 mission stations, many schools, hospitals, a supply house and store, planes, and ships. God has blessed our work so richly that now there are over 150,000 baptized Christians in New Guinea. Countless natives have become literate due to our educational efforts. Many have been trained as teachers, carpenters, nurses, etc. Education for girls has also made forward strides. Many, many natives have been helped by the medical program and efforts to improve village health conditions. Our mission also runs three plantations and is starting an agricultural school.

### Memories of New Guinea

As a returned lay missionary from New Guinea, many rich memories come to my mind. Arriving at our mission very soon after the end of World War II, we found a people who remained true to their God and

the missionaries' teaching, in spite of the terrors and hardships of war, including the loss of loved ones. We knew they were praying, "Missionary, come back," and we saw love and devotion in their eyes and in the help they were anxious to give to make their land once again a land of peace and Christian love.

And the new venture—a school for native girls now located at Nobonob! We saw it born in a bomb blasted mission home—this same school furnishes teachers and girls prepared for student nurses' training, etc. A second school, in Bula, has recently been started, with outstanding results.

Ill health gave us the opportunity to see and know the medical side of our work—and what a tremendous God-pleasing work that is. Only in heaven will we know the far-reaching power of the Gospel story told to a sick or dying heathen in a far-away mission hospital.

## ALC INDIA MISSION FIELD

By Ruth A. M. Eberle

Hardly a day passes that we do not read something in our newspapers about India, for we are watching with interest the political developments of this young nation. Geographically it is about three-fifths the size of the United States, but it has the second largest population in the world. Four-fifths of her people live in villages of less than 1,000. The average village has about 350 people, mostly farmers, with some followers of a craft or trade.

More than three hundred million people in India are still without the Gospel of Jesus Christ and believe in one of the three main religious faiths of Hinduism, Mohammedanism, or Buddhism. The American Lutheran Church works in an area which is for the most part Hindu, with a few Mohammedans, but there is very little work being done for the latter. Among these people is a great zeal for God, even to the point of fanaticism, but they have no Savior except the individual himself, who is to work out his own salvation the best he can. Until recent years our work has been confined largely to the outcaste Hindu, but now work among the caste people is meeting with success.

These articles attempt to give a short sketch of two of the missions of the American Lutheran Church with which we are to merge in 1960.

The ALC mission field is in an area about one-fourth the size of the state of Ohio, located about sixty miles northwest of Madras. Highways and railways to and from all the major cities run north and south through the mission field.

### Nature of Mission Work

While evangelism is naturally the primary function of the church, educational and medical activities are carried on through a middle and high school for boys, a high school and an industrial school for girls, a small old folks' home, a Bible Training School for Bible women, a 150-bed hospital and a 100-bed leprosy hospital. The Church also has one missionary on the staff of a cooperative seminary, Lutherthiri, in Rajamundry and one at the Gurukul Theological College and Research Institute at Madras.

### Future Plans

Three years ago the South Andhra Lutheran Church, which our mission brought into existence, adopted a five year plan designed to turn over to the Church the major portion of the mission's program, including some of its properties. The plan also called for a small annual reduction in mission subsidy to the Church. Last January the South Andhra Lutheran Church, in conjunction with the mission, evolved an additional plan, which proposed to make the Church self-supporting by 1970, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the mission and the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Church.

Thus we move hopefully toward the goal of a self-governing, self-supporting, and self-extending indigenous Church. At the present time there is a baptized membership of approximately 13,000. May our heavenly Father continue to shower His blessings upon the Church in India.



## The Cross of Criticism

Editor, The Ansgar Lutheran

Sir:

Generally speaking, to receive honest criticism is to receive a compliment. Honest criticism, whether seemingly kind or not, if it is impersonal, should be received as a compliment because it is evidence that others are aware of you.

For example, if someone tells you, "I've seen you do better than you did today, what was the trouble, boy?" That is a compliment. If someone says to you, "I don't think you should be so apologetic and reticent in your approach to people." That is a compliment, because it is a sign of loving concern. Or even if someone says to you, "Brother, I think you goofed, that time." That is also a compliment because it shows that your critic believes you usually do better, but that you too, being human, are capable of goofing in grand fashion. I could fill this letter entirely with examples of criticism of a stronger and weaker nature than the foregoing, and show how criticism, when it is impersonal and honest, is complimentary. Such criticism is no cross to bear.

But there is a type of criticism which can become a sort of cross. I am speaking of the type which attempts to assassinate character. This is the kind of comment which does not say to a man, "You are wrong," but instead tears him apart personally with a statement something like this: "If you were not so evil-minded in the first place, you would not have done what you just did." To tell a man he is wrong (in your opinion) is not unkind. But to tell him he is a fool, or that he is of evil intent, or that he is not a man of integrity, is unkind.

The late Senator Joseph McCarthy was, of course, a bold example of how to place a real CROSS on other people's shoulders, through criticism—or, better say, character assassination. McCarthy was a member of a powerful senatorial committee. One of its functions was to investigate un-American activities. But the late senator broadened its activities far beyond that scope and used it as a political weapon, and even tried hard to make it appear that anyone who opposed him, his committee, or its methods was surely a communist, and if not a communist then at least a dangerous "pink." Many suffered as a result of this irresponsible episode in American history and "McCarthyism" will long be remembered as a shameful chapter in the checkered history of our land.

On the other hand, if I, now, in my criticism of the late senator were to say that he was a fascist, then I would be placing a cross on him and his memory. But for me to say that he was wrong, so wrong, is to recognize him as a senator occupying an important post.

Tragically cross-criticism is often boldly manifest in Christian congregations. I believe this to be true particularly in congregations that have folks of pietistically legalistic inclinations. Luther referred to such folks as "enthusiasts." They speak much of the Lord, stump for more prayer in churches, shout that they want more holy life from Christians, but are themselves so wrong in the type of judgment and criticism they place on the shoulders of others. I speak from personal experience and from observation of other congregations.

The enthusiasts do not think objectively or impersonally. The first thing they do is analyze a man's sincerity, his character, and his conversion experience. If these do not correspond completely to their own, then this man is himself wrong. What he does is not wrong. What he says or thinks is not wrong, and is, to the enthusiasts, completely beside the point. No, to them, it is he who is wrong, and therefore it matters not what he says or does. He is no good. This latter type of criticism is unfair. It is unkind. It is inhuman. It is a cross. Let us watch our tendency to place crosses on others.

Yours,  
Scrip Sundry

## BOOK REVIEWS

All books reviewed may be purchased from Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska.

... the church has had to contend with rubbish all through its history: the paganism and superstition of the vast Roman Empire, the mythology of Greece, false philosophies, traditions, prejudices, and spurious religions have littered her path all through time. All these, and more, have constantly sought to keep back the building of the walls. But through all the years, God has matched the rubbish-makers with excavators, and all through church history God has produced His men who would deal with the rubbish ruthlessly and fearlessly. From the time of Paul we hear that triumphant cry, "Let's clear everything out of the way and get through to God!"

—Alan Redpath in VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN SERVICE (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Yes, my child, Christmas is giving, in the name of Christ. But—Christmas is also receiving! Is that hard to understand? It shouldn't be. What would you think of the Christmas "spirit" of a friend who wasn't even grateful enough to thank you for a present? If he has the Christmas spirit at all, he will receive it with joy and gratitude and thanks, because of the love which prompted the gift. The Bible says that God so loved this world that He gave His only Son, and that "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . ." As many as received Him! When we understand that receiving is even more important than giving, at Christmas!

—Dale Evans Rogers in CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS (Fleming H. Revell Company).

We close our chapel prayer periods in the Linner Chapel each night by asking all to be very still. A huge plate-glass window above the altar permits us to look out across the still lake to the spruce-spired hill beyond. As this period begins, I ask the children to form a mental image of Jesus. "Picture Him," I say, "as if He stood right there, as big as life, beckoning to you from over yonder on the hill." Again and again after this period they have come to me, saying, "Pastor, I really saw Jesus out there on the hill." I believe they truly did, for I know that I could not endure a single day without the reality of His promise. "... lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

—Reuben K. Youngdahl in TURBULENT WORLD, TRANQUIL GOD (Fleming H. Revell Company).



## Make The Way Plain

By Fred C. M. Hansen

What is commonly called the Inner Mission was a revival movement in Denmark organized and promoted by some of the clergy and by consecrated laymen. In many communities meeting houses (Missionshuse) were built, where laity as well as the ordained could conduct meetings. These meetings supplied a much felt need. People by the hundreds flocked to these "Missionshuse" to hear God's Word. Here the preaching always placed the emphasis on sin and grace, on repentance and conversion. Many seeking peace with God and became living witnesses to the grace. Interest in social and foreign mission also redeveloped. These inner mission people did not separate themselves from the established church, but were as a rule faithful churchgoers and frequent participants in the sacraments. Mission meetings did not take the place of the church service, but were a plus thereto.

This movement has perhaps lost some of its momentum today. Yet blessed fruits are still much in evidence throughout the land even today. The best church attendance and the most interest in missions are largely found in places where this movement had its greatest influence. This inner mission movement was not confined to Denmark but coincided with similar movements in other Scandinavian countries as well as in Germany, England and America.

We will not forget, that our synod (UELCL) is a child of this inner mission movement in Denmark. Pastors who organized and initiated our churches from the start were associated with this movement. They had come to faith in Jesus Christ through its work, and had thereby received inspiration to come to this country to serve the Lord in the same spirit. Let us as their children keep that which has been committed to our trust.

It is well that we have an educated clergy that is interested in culture, in music, in art, in Drama, in science, as well as in theology. Certainly a minister should have a broad education. But his primary interest should be in the salvation of souls. The emphasis in his preaching must be on sin and grace. He must show his hearers the way to find peace with God. He must present Jesus Christ as Saviour from sin and damnation. That kind of a preaching is needed in every church, whether the members are common or elite, whether they are college bred or not.

The apostle Paul was a learned man, who could quote the Greek poets and carry on a discussion with the Jewish scholars. But it was he who said, "I am determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Let us use all our learning and culture to glorify the Christ and make plain the way of salvation in his name.



## Holiday Greetings From All of Us at Dana

During this Holy Week from Christmas to New Year we find time, after the bustle of Christmas preparations has subsided, to assess our blessings and to take stock of the resources at our disposal with which to face the new year ahead.

The Christmas season brings out the best in us. But it cannot bring out of us that which we do not actually have. We cannot "put Christ into Christmas" unless we have Him in our personal living and fellowship during the rest of the year. While we are mindful of many shortcomings and unrealized objectives in our life at Dana, the Christmas season does bring into sharper focus the magnitude of our blessings: eager, consecrated young men and women who know what it means to "rejoice in the Lord," diligent and devoted teachers and staff workers who sense in the daily routine the blessings of the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; a broadening host of loyal alumni and friends whose well-wishes and offerings assure us they share the vision of our growing mission in Christian Higher Education. And crowning all these blessings and giving them meaning is the abundant grace of Him Whose birth we celebrate and in Whose name we begin the New Year. In Christ the Son of the Living God, the Savior of feeble, fallen man every soul finds its worth and every worthy cause its real meaning.

In His holy name all of us at Dana express our thanks to each of you and our prayerful good wishes for a New Year rich in His grace and in every spiritual blessing.

—C. C. Madsen

### TOUR SCHEDULE FOR 1959 DANA COLLEGE CHOIR

The itinerary for the 1959 a cappella touring choir includes concerts in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

The schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 4 — Glenvil and Minden, Nebraska
- Jan. 5 — Stuttgart, Kansas
- Jan. 6 — St. Francis, Kansas
- Jan. 7 — Wilson, Kansas
- Jan. 8 — Otis, Kansas
- Jan. 9 — Dodge City, Kansas
- Jan. 10 — Clinton, Oklahoma
- Jan. 11 — Tulsa and Oaks, Oklahoma
- Jan. 12 — Parsons State Training School at Parsons, Kansas, and Pittsburg, Kansas.
- Jan. 13 — Cole Camp, Missouri
- Jan. 14 — Open
- Jan. 15 — Tescott, Kansas
- Jan. 16 — Palmer, Kansas

All churches in which the choir will sing are ALC parishes except Minden, Nebraska and Oaks, Oklahoma, where our UELC members will be hosts.



# THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

## Without Simplicity and Christ

One would never guess that the words, "without simplicity and Christ," could ever have been applied to Phillips Brooks, the author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The well-loved carol seems so beautifully simple and so wonderfully Christ-filled, and the life of the author, as we know it, reflects the same. Yet perhaps the very simplicity and Christian message of the song and life are at least in part due to the harsh accusation, "without simplicity and Christ!"

As a young seminary student preparing himself for the holy ministry, Phillips Brooks preached a sermon one day in class entitled, "The Simplicity That Is In Christ." One of his classmates, at the conclusion of the sermon offered some rather pointed criticism. "The sermon," he said, "had very little simplicity in it and no Christ."

The words went home. Phillips Brooks resolved that never again should anyone say that he was not preaching Christ in his sermons. Nor should he be accused of talking over the heads of people.

The lesson was well learned. As a young pastor, deeply moved by the environs of his Lord's birthplace, Brooks penned the words that we all know:

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God our King,  
And peace to men on earth.

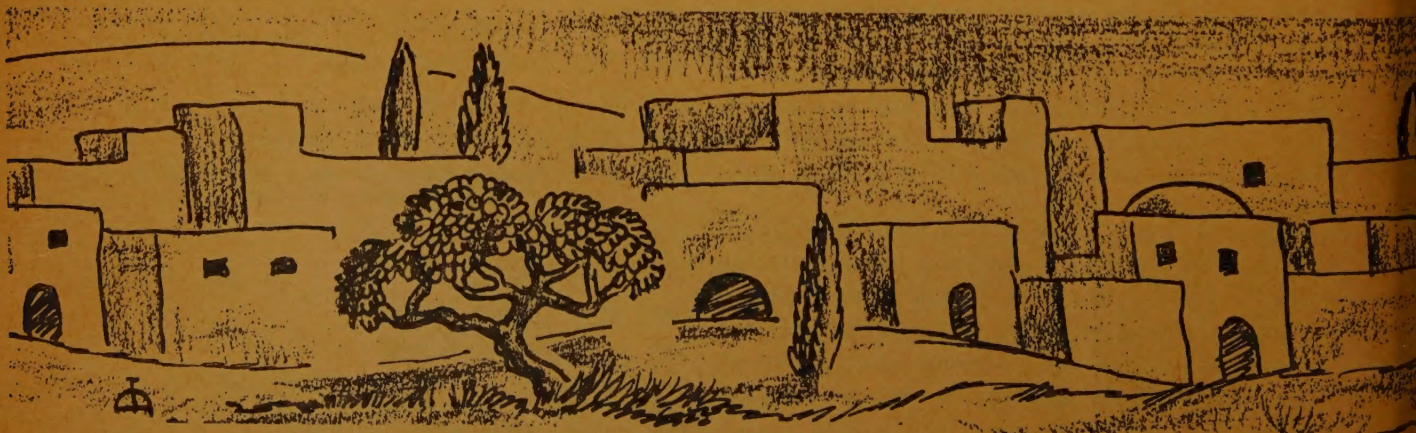
How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sins and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels,  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Simple and Christ-filled they touch our souls. And so he continued to touch the souls and lives of his people through his Christ possessed ministry.

When he died, a mother tearfully went to tell her little child of the death of their beloved pastor and friend. To her surprise the little girl looked up with smiling face and cried, "How happy the angels will be!"

—J. W. N.





## What Leaguers Are Doing

Council Bluffs Leaguers of Our Savior's Lutheran Church are going caroling Monday, December 22nd. After caroling they will be treated to a chili supper at the home of David Hooper. Dave is a League representative on our synodical Youth Board. Intern pastor, Dan Petersen, is in charge of League activities at Our Savior's. The Youth Director conducted a Parish Youth picnic there in October.

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Valley Lutheran leaguers are going on a winter Retreat at December 26th. They will view the film strip "WHO WILL GO?" They will also discuss Personal Evangelism and Church-related Vocations.

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Wisconsin District pastors and League officers are being invited by the District President, Pastor Carl Aldrick, to a mid-winter Retreat Jan. 2-3 at Waupaca, Wisconsin. They will review the projects of the District League and take steps to complete a building at Shadow Lake Bible Camp. They will also study the Synodical Luther League program and seek means of applying the program more effectively on the local level.

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Youth of our Synod will unite with those of the A.L.C. and E.L.C. in Evangelism Conferences to be held in North Hollywood, January 24th and in Madison, Wisconsin, January 31st. We strongly urge all leaguers and counselors to attend one of these Youth Evangelism conferences. Longer conferences will be held in each of these cities for the adult members of the church. Saturday has been designated Youth Day at each of the conferences.

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Leaguers of First Lutheran, Blair, Nebraska sang in their Youth Choir as a part of the Christmas Choral program, then they went out, 40 strong, to carol to the out-ings of the congregation. On Wednesday, December 10th, they went out in teams to sell Christmas Chimes.

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Hundreds of leaguers have been selling Christmas Chimes again this year. The Publishing House reports that almost as many copies have been sold as last year at this time, when we ran out completely. But because

500 more copies were printed this year than last year, there still are plenty of Chimes available to fill your orders. Let's keep on selling until all copies are gone!

How about placing a copy in your local hospital waiting room, or in the waiting rooms of doctors and dentists in your town?

Did you send a copy to members in the armed forces?

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There is no name so sweet on earth,  
No name so sweet in heaven,  
The Name before His wondrous birth  
To Christ, the Savior, given.  
We love to sing around our King  
And hail Him blessed Jesus;  
For there's no word ear ever heard  
So dear, so sweet, as "Jesus."

### YOUTH OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

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HIS WORD EVERY DAY

#### THINK ABOUT IT

WHAT DOES THIS WORD OF GOD SAY

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME

#### LIVE IT

PRAY THAT THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

MAY PENETRATE YOUR LIFE—ALL THAT

YOU THINK, SAY AND DO



## BY THE FIRESIDE

### A New Year's Reverie

By Alfred Grant Walton

The days are done; another year begins  
As time, whose flight no longings can postpone,  
Moves on;—yet this mysterious thing called life,  
Crowded with joys and griefs, with fears and strife,  
Still is mine to claim and call my own.

Shall I look back with envious eyes to grieve  
For lower fortunes granted in the past,  
Or, thwarted by defeat, call all in vain,  
Give up the fight, yield to the bitter strain,  
Or doubt the broken mold can be recast?

Shall I live in my dreams and vainly wait  
For some tomorrow to bring the cherished goal  
To which the soul aspires . . . and so ignore  
What must be done today? Shall nothing more  
Than reveries be scribed upon the scroll?

No! Life has but one dimension,  
Now must I feel—act—follow duty's call,  
Seek the truth, fulfill the whole design,  
Find heaven—or hell—and choose what shall be mine,  
Time has no years . . . the present holds the all!

—Watchman-Examiner

#### THIS NEW YEAR

Like a ship with orders sealed;  
Whence or whither, unrevealed,  
Cargo of worth untold,  
Joy and sorrow in its hold  
The New Year comes.

He who made the stars will guide;  
Knows the seas, the winds, the tide;  
Know the channel deep and still  
To the haven of God's will  
For this New Year.

With his hand upon the helm  
Storms that rage cannot o'erwhelm:  
With the ship in his control  
New horizons wait the soul  
In this New Year.

—Author Not Known

#### THROUGH THIS YEAR WITH GOD

Beneath the moonlight and the snow  
Lies dead my latest year;  
The winter winds are wailing low  
It dirges in my ear.  
I grieve not with the moaning wind,  
As though a loss befell;  
Before me, even as behind,  
God is, and all is well.

—Whittier

#### HOUSE-OF-THOUGHT

By Marie Barton

Let's put our house-of-thought in  
order  
At !dawning of the year;  
Sweep out all dust of fret and worry,  
All cobwebs of old fear.  
Then opening wide the doors and  
windows,  
Let's flood the rooms thereof  
With cleansing winds of faith, life-  
giving  
Sunlight of Gods love.

#### A NEW START

I will start anew this morning with  
a higher, fairer creed;  
I will cease to stand complaining of  
my ruthless neighbor's greed;  
I will cease to sit repining while my  
duty's call is clear;  
I will waste no moment whining and  
my heart shall know no fear.  
I will look sometimes about me for  
the things that merit praise;  
I will search for hidden beauties that  
elude the grumbler's gaze.  
I will try to find contentment in the  
paths that I must tread;  
I will cease to have resentment when  
another moves ahead.

—Temple Baptist Times  
Batimore, Md.

#### TO THE NEW YEAR

One song for thee, New Year,  
One universal prayer;  
Teach us—all other teachings far  
above—  
To hide dark hate beneath the wing  
of love;  
To slay all hatred, strife,  
And live the larger life!  
To bind the wounds that bleed;  
To lift the fallen, lead the blind  
As only love can lead—  
To live for all mankind!

—James Whitcomb Riley

#### LISTEN TO MY HEART

Listen to my heart, dear Lord;  
Sometimes the words I say  
Are far too petty to be used  
By those who praise or pray.

Listen to my hands, dear Lord,  
And guide whatever skill  
Or share of talent I may own  
To patterns of Thy will.

—Alice M. Swaim

A pretty girl was driving her shiny  
new car when something went wrong  
with the motor. The traffic light  
changed from red to yellow to green,  
but still she could not get the car  
started. Traffic lined up for blocks  
beheld her.

A traffic cop sauntered over and  
inquired, "What's the matter, Miss?  
Haven't we any colors you like?"

A first-grade teacher was telling  
the children about different wild ani-  
mals, and, in order to test their  
knowledge, she asked: "Now, who  
can tell me the name of an animal  
that has horns and is very danger-  
ous for us to get near?"

Before she could call on any par-  
ticular one, Bobby piped up enthusi-  
astically, "I know, teacher—it's a  
truck!"

Clara overheard her parents talk-  
ing about Bible names.

"Is my name in the Bible?" she  
asked.

"No, dear."

"Didn't God make me?"

"Yes."

"Then, why didn't he say some-  
thing about it?"



# WOULD JESUS APPROVE?

By Louis P. Lochner

Distinguished Foreign Correspondent

Pulitzer Prize Winner

dedicated Lutheran friend the  
er day informed me that one of  
congregations of our Synod is  
lding or about to build a million-  
lar church. Somehow I could not  
st into an ecstasy of joy. I felt that  
million-dollar budget for the wor-  
o needs of one single congregation  
out of line with the many other  
ds of our church, with the synodical  
icit of \$1,500,000, and especially  
h the challenge to Christians every-  
ere to carry the Cross of Christ into  
ry part of the world in which the  
nmer and the Sickie of atheistic  
munism is making an impact.

don't know the name of the con-  
gation. But I congratulate it upon  
ing a live membership that can  
e \$1,000,000. I do not doubt that  
brethren in the congregation time  
again invoked the blessing of our  
ior upon this project to glorify His  
e.

What I wonder, however, is this:  
pose Jesus today were physically  
ilable to us as He was to His dis-  
es and, indeed, to the people of  
el generally who were His con-  
poraries. Then suppose that every  
gregation about to embark upon  
ambitious program of building con-  
struction were to invite Jesus to come  
Supreme Counselor and sit in on  
meeting in which the project is  
be approved. Suppose also that He  
re made the central target of the  
ivities of that church until the  
l is reached.

re you sure that Jesus, after being  
wn the budget, the blueprints, the  
ampaign of fund raising, etc., would  
in effect, "Wonderful—I could  
think of a better way of your  
wing your devotion to My Father  
heaven and Me than by erecting  
glamorous house of worship"?

don't know. Perhaps He in His  
dom would agree that the over-  
elming challenge of our time can  
be met by each congregation vy-  
with its neighbors in producing  
most costly church plant. I can,  
ever, envisage a different kind of  
y.

What I think might happen is this:  
as would probably first commend

This article is a reprint from the  
Lutheran Witness, Mo. Synod. This  
should be kept in mind when the  
number \$1,500,000 is read. Our synod  
does not have a deficit. But Mr.  
Lochner's point is applicable to any  
church body.

His followers in that congregation for  
their loyalty to Him and His church,  
for their spirit of sacrifice, for their  
zeal to bear witness. Then, however,  
He might continue somewhat as fol-  
lows: "Are you sure that, in launching  
this local project, you have taken into  
account your Christian responsibility  
to the rest of the world?"

He might well continue: "Has it not  
occurred to you that our Father in  
heaven is giving this generation of  
men one of the severest tests ever  
given by permitting the scourge of  
Communism to infest whole conti-  
nents? Are you, My followers, doing  
your share to combat it? Have you  
not noted how your heavenly Father  
has at the same time provided un-  
matched opportunities for you and  
your fellow Christians to win souls  
for the Kingdom? Ask your mission-  
aries!"

He might conceivably conclude:  
"One more thing, My beloved follow-  
ers, and then I must leave you to  
visit several other congregations in a  
similar situation. Before you take the  
final step, I ask you each to examine  
yourself and make sure that the only  
motive for launching such an am-  
bitious building program is your love  
for Me and your desire to spread My  
Gospel. If you should find that per-  
sonal pride, a desire to 'keep up with  
the Joneses,' an urge to 'show off,'  
a tendency to overemphasize the ex-  
ternal material side of worship have  
entered into the picture, then I would  
counsel that you revise your figures  
and place the sums thus saved at the  
disposal of the work for My kingdom  
outside your own parish."

Would that not be something?

—Lutheran Witness

## CHURCH NEWS

(Continued from page 5)

Presbyterian ministry as a youth, gave  
the plan his blessing. After three rug-  
ged years at Westminster (Md.) Theo-  
logical Seminary, during which Mr.  
Drennan supported his wife and two  
children by parttime work including  
selling encyclopedias, he was ordained.

## BOOK REVIEW

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On the face of Stone Mountain in  
Georgia the famous sculptor Gutzon  
Borglum carved out a great Confed-  
erate Memorial. It is cut into a eight-  
hundred-foot wall of granite, and in  
order to start his work Borglum need-  
ed to throw on the face of that rock  
the outline of the figures of the march-  
ing men of the Confederate army. He  
tried one experiment after another,  
with no success. Then he constructed  
an enormous projection machine that  
weighed a ton. He anchored it eight  
hundred feet from the mountain, and  
from a slide three inches high threw  
on the rock a clear picture two hun-  
dred feet high. No other machine like  
this has ever been made; with it the  
stonecutters had a scale and a plan . . .

It is a parable of the church at work  
in the world. The piercing flame of  
the Spirit sends through the church  
a pattern of the Kingdom of God on  
the hard, granite face of the world.

—Frank S. Mead in *TARBELL'S  
TEACHERS' GUIDE* (Fleming H.  
Revell Company).

## TO PASTORS AND SECRETARIES OF VACANT CONGREGATIONS

The statistical blanks were sent you  
Dec. 13 from Blair and should have  
reached you by this time. You were  
perhaps quite surprised at getting  
them so early and so different this  
year. However this is only one of the  
many changes we are to experience  
in the wake of a synodical change-  
over. A full explanation is given in  
the large letter together with the  
blanks. Please observe the time limit.  
We shall appreciate your faithful co-  
operation again this year in order that  
we may meet the obligation of the co-  
operative effort with the ALC and  
ELC in this matter also.

Sincerely yours for a happy New  
Year

P. C. Jensen, Blair, Nebr.

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	Total	Synodical	Luth. World Action
<b>Budget</b>		<b>\$488949.00</b>	<b>\$49500.00</b>
<b>Forward Phase</b>		<b>92500.00</b>	
<b>Previously acknowledged</b>	<b>\$224794.85</b>	<b>\$187879.02</b>	<b>\$36916.83</b>
Redvers, Sask., Can., Mrs. Dagmar J. Johansen for Margrethe and Alfred Jorgensen, Sudan Mission, in memory of Fane friends \$25	5.00		5.00
Caruthers, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Quist in memory of Arthur F. Hammond for LWA	10.00	10.00	
Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Ladies Aid in mem. of Mrs. Freida Rasmussen for Home Miss.			
Caruthers, Calif., Mrs. Josephine Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Prevost, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hammond in memory of Arthur F. Hammond for Santal Mission	10.00	10.00	
Castro Valley, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Jensen in memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hansen and brother-in-law, Mr. Harvey E. Petersen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, for Dana Building Fund \$12.50	5.00		5.00
Hayward, Calif., Ladies Friendship Club for LWA	10.00	5.00	5.00
Selma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Anton Goldbeck for Santal Mission \$5, LWA \$5	3.00	3.00	
McNabb, Ill., Esther J. Andersen in memory of Harold Carr for Dana College Fund	119.62	119.62	
Indianapolis, Ind., First Trinity Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	50.50	50.50	
Hamlin, Ia., Hamlin Luth. Church, The Priscilla Guild, for Foreign Missions \$30, Children's Homes \$20.50	256.66	256.66	
Coon Rapids, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	55.00		55.00
Immanuel Luth. Church for LWA in full	10.00	10.00	
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church, Women of Bethany for Indian Mission	50.00	50.00	
West Branch, Ia., Mrs. Agnes A. Jensen in memory of C. A. Anderson for Foreign Missions	356.00	400.00	456.00
Farmington, Minn., Farmington Ev. Luth. Church for Missions \$400, LWA in full \$456	5.00	5.00	
Hutchinson, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lamp for South America Mission \$3, Dana College \$2	1175.00	1000.00	175.00
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$1,000, LWA \$175	44.78	44.78	
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. S. S. for Elim Luth. Children's Home	566.50	200.00	366.50
Lincoln, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Church for LWA \$366.50, Foreign Missions \$100, General Fund \$100	60.00	60.00	
Orum, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church for Synodical Quota			
Westby, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Christ Madsen and Lydia for Home Missions, Children's Homes, School Fund, Pension Fund, Indian Mission, South America Mission, Sudan Mission, and Japan Mission each \$20, Santal Mission \$15, Jewish Mission \$10*	175.00	175.00	
Eugene, Ore., Bethesda Ev. Luth. Church in memory of Lars Petersen for Home Missions \$124, for South America Mission (Pastor Morck's salary) \$645.39	769.39	769.39	
Beresford, S. Dak., St. Paul Luth. Church for LWA	49.00		49.00
Bremerton, Wash., Joanne B. Jensen for Santal Mission	25.00	25.00	
Oregon, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church, Women of St. John's for Children's Homes	35.80	35.80	
Pewaukee, Wis., Galilee Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	300.00	300.00	
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church, Miriam Jr. Mission Band for South America Mission	8.00	8.00	
Caruthers, Calif., Given in memory of Arthur Hammond by Pastor and Mrs. Grill, Mr. and Mrs. William Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Holding, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Hunter, Mrs. Kathryn Hammond for Home Missions	22.00	22.00	
Inglewood, Calif., Olivet Luth. Church for LWA in full	284.62		284.62
Brush, Colo., Mrs. Wm. M. Hansen in memory of Mrs. O. T. Petersen, Aurora, Nebr., for Dana College Fund	2.00	2.00	
Atlantic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	1059.00	1059.00	
Coulter, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$35.15, Foreign Missions \$600, Japan Mission \$5, South America Mission \$5, China Mission \$5*	645.15	645.15	
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church for LWA \$20, Given by Beta Club for LWA \$20	40.00		40.00
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Petersen in memory of Anna Lange for Foreign Missions	10.00	10.00	
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Noelck in memory of Miss Anna Lange for Foreign Missions	1.00	1.00	
Graettinger, Ia., St. Paul Luth. Church for Foreign Missions	250.00	250.00	
Ringsted, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church for LWA	47.06		47.06
St. Paul's Luth. S. S. for LWA	75.83		75.83
Clifton, Ill., Zion Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Helma Jensen, Tyler, Minn., \$5, and Ingrid Kristoffersen, Denmark, \$5 for Pension Fund, From birthday banks for Japan Mission \$13.20	23.20	23.20	
Kansas City, Mo., Westwood Luth. Church, Dorcas Ladies Aid Soc., for So. America Mission, Sudan Mission, Santal Mission, Children's Home, Elk Horn; Children's Home, Oaks \$25 each, Eben-Ezer Home, Brush, \$50*	150.00	150.00	
Edmore, Mich., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. for LWA	32.62		32.62
Sidney, Mich., Immanuel Luth. Church for LWA in full	4.80		4.80
Northfield, Minn., Immanuel Luth. Church (Hazelwood) for LWA in full	121.75		121.75
Northfield, Minn., Immanuel Luth. Church (Hazelwood) for Synodical Quota in full \$507.25, Forward Phase in full \$139.00, Sudan Mission, offering when Ilean Rohe visited there, \$32	678.25	678.25	
Cotesfield, Nebr., Dannevirke Ladies Aid for Children's Home	20.00	20.00	
Laurel, Nebr., Mrs. C. J. Christensen for LWA	25.00		25.00
Mason City, Nebr., Zion Luth. Church for LWA	15.00		15.00
Minden, Nebr., Bethany Ladies Aid for Foreign Missions \$10, LWA \$20	30.00	10.00	20.00
Staplehurst, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. for Children's Homes	15.00	15.00	
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church for Foreign Missions \$125, Sudan Mission \$115, Given by Mrs. Anna Feragan for Sudan Mission \$10	250.00	250.00	
Brooklyn, Wis., Pastor and Mrs. Viggo J. Petersen for Forward Phase \$25, Foreign Missions \$50, Dana College Development \$25*	75.00	75.00	
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church Women for Children's Homes	25.00	25.00	
Milwaukee, Wis., Kingo Luth. Church for General Fund	300.00	300.00	
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Lutheran Church for Forward Phase in full \$271.44, Home Missions \$108.53	379.97	379.97	
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church for Pension Fund	365.00	365.00	
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. S. S. for South America Mission \$20, Japan Mission \$20	40.00		40.00
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church given by friends in memory of Corbett Cook for Home Missions	23.00	23.00	
Culbertson, Mont., Gerald E. Olsen for LWA	20.00		20.00
Rusk, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	900.00	900.00	
West Canada District Treasurer, Standard, Alta., Canada			
Dannevirke Ev. Luth. Church, Redvers, Sask., for Synodical Quota	30.00	30.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$235409.35</b>	<b>** \$196690.34</b>	<b>\$38719.01</b>

\* Not included in Synodical Budget. \*\* Of this total \$2,509.48 is for Forward Phase.

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, December 20, 1958.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

**\$10,780.99 is still needed for Lutheran World Action quota by December 31, 1958**



## NEW AND NOTES

(Continued from page 2)  
 ct. Pastor Smedsrud will be  
 et speaker, and the Rev. Oscar  
 son, well-known to Lutheran  
 will bring the evening address.  
 arge of local arrangements for  
 outh Day in Madison is Pastor  
 es Anderson.  
 ith Director George Robertson of  
 ELC is in charge of youth af-  
 at the conference in Los Angeles.  
 r Gordon Smedsrud will also be  
 ring on the program at this con-  
 e. Saturday evening speaker  
 e Dr. Joseph Knutson, president  
 cordia College. The Rev. Marvin  
 is local arrangements chairman  
 outh at the western conference.  
 youth who have completed their  
 mation training are encouraged  
 end these rallies.

## BOOK REVIEWS

ooks reviewed may be purchased from  
 n Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska.

istmas, my child, is love in ac-  
 . . . When you love someone,  
 give to them, as God gives to  
 The greatest gift He ever gave  
 the Person of His Son, sent to  
 human form so that we might  
 what God the Father is really  
 Every time we love, every time  
 ive, it's Christmas!

ale Evans Rogers in CHRIST-  
 IS ALWAYS (Fleming H. Revell  
 any).

istmas, my child, is always.  
 was always in the heart of God.  
 as born there. Only He could  
 thought of it.

e God, Christmas is timeless and  
 al, from everlasting to everlast-

s something even more than what  
 ened that night in starlit little  
 eh; it has been behind the  
 forever.

ere was Christmas in the heart  
 d before the world was formed.  
 ave Jesus to us, the night the  
 s sang, yes—but the Bible tells  
 at Jesus shared a great glory  
 the Father long before the world  
 made. Jesus was always, too!

is Spirit has always been, too:  
 Spirit "moved upon the face of  
 waters" at the time of the begin-  
 of the world. And the Holy  
 visited the mother of Jesus and  
 ht forth our Lord as the Christ  
 in the manger . . .

istmas is always. It has been  
 s.

we have not always understood

ale Evans Rogers in CHRIST-  
 IS ALWAYS (Fleming H. Revell  
 any).

General Booth, when informed in  
 his advanced years that he would  
 have to undergo eye surgery that held  
 practically no hope of success, calmed  
 the doctors and his daughter by say-  
 ing, "I have served the Lord now for  
 more than sixty years with these eyes,  
 and from now on I shall continue to  
 serve Him without them."

—Edward W. Ullrich in STREAMS  
 OF HEALING compiled by Lester R.  
 Liles (Fleming H. Revell Company)

During the last war, the rose win-  
 dow in the great Rheims cathedral  
 was shattered into bits by an indi-  
 rect hit. The parishioners lovingly  
 got down on their hands and knees  
 to gather together all the tiny pieces  
 of broken glass. When the war was  
 over they hired the most skilled work-  
 men available to rebuild it piece by  
 piece, from the gathered fragments.  
 Today's rose window in Rheims is  
 more beautiful than it ever was. So  
 God can take our broken lives and  
 reshape them as we pray, "Lord,  
 please forgive my mistakes of this  
 day."

—Reuben K. Youngdahl in TUR-  
 BULENT WORLD, TRANQUIL GOD  
 (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Those who sought to give a natural  
 explanation for the power that was  
 present in the meetings (of Billy  
 Graham) were completely baffled. A  
 psychiatrist sat through five meetings  
 in his attempt to analyze it. Then God  
 analyzed him. He too joined the  
 thousands who had begun to live by  
 taking Christ as their Lord and Sa-  
 viour.

—Robert O. Ferm in PERSUADED  
 TO LIVE: CONVERSION STORIES  
 FROM THE BILLY GRAHAM CRU-  
 CADES (Fleming H. Revell Compa-  
 ny).

It is a terrific temptation to perform  
 socially approved acts for the sake of  
 group commendation—that is, to be  
 guided by human and cultural norms  
 as well as to seek satisfaction of self-  
 ish motives. This is the chief indict-  
 ment against "How to Win Friends  
 and Influence People." Part of the  
 damnable feature of the business is  
 that it actually **works** in a rather sig-  
 nificant fashion. Men who seek to  
 impress others are likely to succeed  
 though not always in a degree suf-  
 ficient to satisfy their own wants. But  
 the process of winning success in this  
 fashion inhibits a course of action that  
 can lead to winning the rewards of  
 heaven.

So the warning of Jesus involves  
 not so much the operation of justice  
 as of cause and effect. It is a basic

law of God, at once hidden and clear,  
 that "you get what you pay for."

—Webb B. Garrison in SERMON  
 SEEDS FROM THE GOSPELS (Flem-  
 ing H. Revell Company).

## HOLDING THE ROPES

The incident is told of a young  
 couple, when bidding farewell to their  
 home-country church as they were  
 about to leave for an African field,  
 known as "The White Man's Grave."  
 The husband said, "My wife and I  
 have a strange dread in going. We  
 feel much as if we were going down  
 into a pit. We are willing to take  
 the risk and go if you, our home  
 circle will promise to hold the ropes."

Less than two years passed, when  
 the wife and the little one God had  
 given them succumbed to the dreaded  
 fever. Soon the husband realized his  
 days, too, were numbered. Not wait-  
 ing to send word home of his coming,  
 he started back at once and arrived  
 at the hour of the Wednesday prayer  
 meeting. He slipped in unnoticed, tak-  
 ing a back seat. At the close of the  
 meeting he went forward. An awe  
 came over the people, for death was  
 written on his face. He said, "I am  
 your missionary. My wife and child  
 are buried in Africa, and I have come  
 home to die. This evening I listened  
 anxiously, as you prayed, for some  
 mention of your missionary to see  
 if you would remember us in your  
 prayer, but in vain! You prayed for  
 everything connected with yourselves  
 and your home church, but forgot  
 your missionary. I see now why I am  
 a failure as a missionary. It is be-  
 cause you have failed to hold the  
 ropes."

—Missionary Tidings

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## BOOK REVIEWS

All books reviewed may be purchased from Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska.

### Striving Toward Freedom

By Martin Luther King, Jr., Harper and Brothers, 230 pages, \$2.95.

A leader of his people tells the Montgomery Story. The whole background of the problem of integration, the suffering of the people, the incident that led to the struggle, the struggle and how it was conducted are clearly told in this splendid book. Any one who does not feel for the colored people, should read this book and be converted. The story is told with great restraint and sympathy even for the white people. It is so fascinating that you will read it more than once.

### The Years That Count

By Rosalind Rinker, Zondervan Publ. House, 118 pages, \$2.00.

This is a book that lets young people think for themselves. The writer seems to know young people and their problems. If a young person could be made to read this book, it would help him or her. It is divided into three parts, You and Your Belief, You and your life Work, You and your Friends. The Christian faith, the problem of living, going to college, dating, and what have you, are well treated.

### All the Men of the Bible

By Herbert Lockyer, Zondervan Publ. House, 375 pages, \$4.95.

The author has taken upon himself to make a brief note about all the men in the Bible. More than 3,000. Some get a line, some a few lines, and some a half page. The Scripture references are given. It is a helpful book for any one who wants to give a study of characters in the Bible.

### The Amplified New Testament

Zondervan Publishing House, 1,000 pages, \$3.95.

This is the New Testament amplified, which means that it is the whole New Testament translated and the meaning made clear by certain words. Just one example: So then whatever you desire that others would do to and for you, even so do you also to and for them, for this sums up the Law and the prophets. It is like a miniature commentary in many places. It will help any one in understanding the New Testament.

### The Yoke of Christ

By Elton Trueblood, Harper and Brothers, 192 pages, \$3.00.

Eighteen thought provoking sermons by the well known writer Trueblood. We have been very stimulated by these sermons. The author knows the church, and he knows present day problems. If anyone wants to give his pastor a book for Christmas, this is a book he will appreciate, and it will make him a better preacher. We have read most of the sermons. We mention just three that we found very stimulating. The Necessity of Witness. The Problem of the Crowd. The Gate, or Hell. No one will regret reading this book.

### Victorious Christian Service

By Alan Redpath, Fleming H. Revell, 190 pages, \$3.00.

Any one who wants some help to conduct a Bible Study series on Nehemiah will find these thirteen addresses of great help. The author digs into the book and brings out many thoughts that are applied on today's church life. We have read the book of Nehemiah several times, but this book makes him come alive.

### Have a Good Day

By John W. Rilling, Muhlenberg Press, 175 pages, \$2.75.

This well known Minneapolis pastor has written a fine book of 23 sermons that speak to the soul. He shows life's failure without God, and how rich it may be with God. Any one will get help from this book.

### The Bondage of the Will

Translated by J. I. Packer and O. R. Johnston, Fleming H. Revell, 322 pages, \$3.50.

This is definitely a book for pastors, and since all pastors are familiar with Luther we shall say nothing about the book except that it is a fine translation, which the pastor will enjoy, when he wants to refresh himself on the bondage of the will.

### The Transformation of the Twelve

By Gaston Foote, Abingdon Press, 128 pages, \$2.00.

For the men and women who like to get a deeper insight into the lives of Christians, their motives and their problems, as well as their weaknesses and virtues, this book commends itself. It is easily read and it shows how Jesus guides and leads his dis-

ciples, so that they may be what wants them to be. Each chapter written in the form of an address and all the applications are made with the twentieth century in mind.

Two men were walking along crowded sidewalk in a downtown business area. Suddenly one of the men exclaimed, "Listen to the lovely sound of that cricket!" But the other could not hear. He asked his companion how he could detect the sound of a cricket amid the din of people and traffic. The first man, who was a zoologist, had trained himself to hear the marvelous voices of nature. But he did not explain. He simply took a coin from his pocket and dropped it to the sidewalk, whereupon a dozen people began to look about them. "We hear," he said, "what we listen for."

—Kermit L. Long in STREAMS OF HEALING compiled by Lester R. Lilley (Fleming H. Revell Company).

When the aged Emperor of Austria died, during World War I, his body was carried to the gates of the Church of the Capuchins, in Vienna. When the bearers knocked on the door of the church a voice came: "Who is there?" They replied, "A Serene Majesty, the Emperor of Austria." Back came a terrible voice: "We know him not. Who is there?" They tried again: "The Apostolic King of Hungary." And again the forbidding voice: "We know him not. Who is there?" This time they said, "Our brother Francis Joseph, a sinner." The gates swung open, and Francis Joseph, sinner, was reverently laid to rest among his fathers.

—Frank S. Mead in TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE (Fleming H. Revell Company).

### Turbulent World, Tranquil God

By Reuben K. Youngdahl, Fleming H. Revell, 157 pages, \$2.50.

Dr. Youngdahl has the gift to speak in a language that ordinary people understand. He is the well known pastor who has gradually built a congregation of 8,000 members in Mount Olivet Lutheran Church at Minneapolis. These 26 sermons in this book are Biblical but so well illustrated with ideas and stories from everyday life that you cannot help but be blessed as you read them.